

wrought Gold, the wedding Garment, the best Robe, and Garment of Salvation; and *this* is called a *Change of Raiment*, for Sin and Guilt which by Nature and Backslidings cover the Soul are called its *filthy Rags*.

Upon the Return of the penitent Prodigal, the Father ordered the *best Robe* to be put upon him, &c.

- “ Take off his Cloaths of Shame and Sin,
- “ (The Father gives Command)
- “ Dress him in Garments white and clean,
- “ With Rings adorn his Hand.

Now Christ hath clothed his Church with the Righteousness both of Justification and Sanctification; for besides this Robe of Righteousness and Garment of Salvation, there is the *Garment of internal Holiness*, the new Man, or new Nature consisting of the several Graces of the Spirit, which is put on as a Garment, and makes Believers all *glorious within*. For he hath clothed them with Salvation as a Garment, and with Righteousness, as with a Robe.

- “ 'Tis God adorn'd my naked Soul,
- “ And made Salvation mine;
- “ Upon a poor polluted Worm
- “ He makes his Graces shine.
- “ And left the Shadow of a Spot
- “ Should on my Soul be found,
- “ He took the Robe the Saviour wrought,
- “ And cast it all around.
- “ How far the heavenly Robe exceeds
- “ What earthly Princes wear!
- “ The Ornaments, how bright they shine!
- “ How white the Garments are!

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